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ENERGY ABSORBER

Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Amendments to the title begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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